

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

August 12, 1986

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Cable
Stewart Harrod
Jouett Sheeting
Norm Dooley
Richard Taylor

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Cable.

Chairman Cable stated the following changes should be made to the minutes of the July 15, 1986 meeting: Page 3, third paragraph, P-R should be spelled out (Public Relations) and continuously should be changed to consistently. Mr. Sheeting made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 1986 meeting as amended. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The first item of business was a request from Laura S. Kennedy, 514 Wapping Street, for approval to remove an existing exterior fire escape and approval to install a roof mounted "scuttle" for an interior fire escape from the third floor. There was no one present on the applicant's behalf, therefore the request was deferred to the next meeting.

The next item of business was a request from Ms. Glenna M. Robinson, 304 East Third Street, for the approval to enclose an exterior door. Mr. Keith Logsdon presented the staff report. Mr. Logsdon stated that there are presently two exterior doors leaving the kitchen area of the house and this request is to enclose one of these doors. Mr. Granville Coblin, Architect, representing the applicant, stated that the door to be enclosed is no longer used. He also stated that the door is 70 feet back from the sidewalk and is scarcely visible from the street. He further stated that after the door is removed the exterior will tie in with the rest of the house.

Mr. Harrod made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the enclosure of an exterior door located at 304 East Third Street. Mr. Sheeting seconded the motion which was approved unanimously (5-0).

The next item of business was a request from Mr. Charles E. Rawlings, 234 West Main Street, for the approval to do some exterior cleaning on the property known as the Old Meagher Building. Keith Logsdon presented the staff report. He showed several slides of the building and stated that the request is to clean and repaint the building and there will be no exterior changes. Mr. Granville Coblin, Architect, representing the applicant, stated that Mr. Rawlings would like to have professional people in the building and will be cleaning and repainting the building. He stated that the Historic Society has a picture of this building as it was in 1850 and he is going to look at this further. He also stated that there could possibly be some tuckpointing done

to the building. There was no one present in the audience to speak against this request.

Mr. Sheetinger made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the building located at 234 West Main Street to be cleaned and, if tuckpointing is necessary, it should be done in a manner that is appropriate as specified by the Historic Guidelines. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which was approved unanimously (5-0).

The last item of business was a request from Investor's Heritage Life Insurance Company, 217 Shelby Street, for the approval of construction of 15 parking spaces and a wall. Keith Logsdon presented the staff report. He showed several slides of the property and stated that the wall will be constructed around the parking lot. Mr. Logsdon stated that a professional office is permitted only as a conditional use in the Special Capital (SC) zone district, and Article 4.413 in the Zoning Ordinance states that if any exterior work is done in the process of that conversion, it must come before the Architectural Review Board for review and approval before the Board of Zoning Adjustments considers conditional uses. He also stated that the building is 5,000 square feet, therefore 15 parking spaces must be provided (3 spaces for each 1,000 square feet). He further stated that there will be no access to this parking from Shelby Street, only from Ford Lane, and that each space must be 9 feet x 18 feet with 24 feet between aisles. He also stated that there will be 3 rows of parking, 5 spaces each, of which one row of parking will be for compact cars. Mr. Granville Coblin, Architect, representing the applicant, stated that the wall around the parking lot would be around 6 feet tall and would be constructed of brick.

Chairman Cable read a letter from Mr. David L. Morgan, Director of the Kentucky Heritage Council and State Historic Preservation Officer and passed around to the board members a letter from Lawrence C. and Frances Jenkins, Ward Hall (copies attached). There was no one in the audience to speak in opposition to this request.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a wall within the guidelines of the Zoning Ordinance and recommend to the Board of Zoning Adjustments that they look at the parking space requirement in order to reduce the amount of property that the lot will occupy so that as much of the residential and historic character of the property can be saved, and the landscaping that will be used should maintain the residential character. He further recommended that the Board of Zoning Adjustments review the letters that were received concerning the historic character of the area and this particular piece of property. Mr. Harrod seconded the motion which was approved unanimously (5-0).

Under Staff Discussion, Keith Logsdon passed out to the board members a copy of "Guidelines for Local Landmarks and Preservation Districts" that is used by the City of Louisville. Chairman Cable asked that each board member review these guidelines before the next meeting for discussion.

Keith Logsdon stated that he and his staff would like to have this board meeting changed from the second Tuesday to the third Tuesday of each month to reduce the heavy load the staff has in preparing for two board meetings held

The last item of business was a request from Mr. Louis Metcalf, Jr. for the approval for new construction and rehabilitation of the property located at 323 East Third Street. Mr. Charles M. Porter, Architect, stated that H & R Home Improvements would be applying the siding. He further stated that there would be no false shutters or inappropriate window sash. He also stated that the new windows that would be added to the rear of the property would be wood sash, no vinyl, with grilles 6 over 6, and that all replacements are characteristic to the style of the existing house not being torn down. Mr. Sheeting made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the renovation and remodeling of the front and rear sections of the property located at 323 East Third Street in accordance with the guidelines that have been set for the application of vinyl siding and the presentation by the architect to the Board. Mr. Harrod seconded the motion which was approved unanimously (3-0).

Under Staff Discussion, Mr. Logsdon stated that several months ago the Board advised the staff that if something looked in danger of being a safety hazard that the Staff could allow it to be torn down to avoid a potential safety problem. He further stated that Mr. Pat Kennedy, 213 East Third, asked to be permitted to tear down the back portion of a shed and this was granted.

Also, Mr. Logsdon advised the Board that the staff was going to make a proposal, pertaining to publicity of the Board, to streamline items on the Board and that can also be used as a public relations tool to publicize to the community what this Board does. He also stated that it was not the intention to remove any decision-making from the Board but to possibly remove some items that the Board rules on consistently. Mr. Logsdon stated that he would get guidelines to each Board Member to review before the next meeting.

Mr. Harrod made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sheeting seconded the motion.

Paul Cable, Chairman